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The Honorable Bennie Thompson  
Chairman  
Committee on Homeland Security  
US House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Katko  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Homeland Security  
US House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Thompson, Ranking Member Katko, and Members of the House Homeland Security Committee:

We write to thank you for your long-standing support for the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP). Without your leadership in funding this program, millions of Americans would not be able to protect themselves and their nonprofits from threats.

As it stands, NSGP is currently funded at $180 million. However, in 2021 alone, there were over $400 million in grant applications. Americans are currently facing a heightened threat environment. This is demonstrated by the FBI’s recent threat assessment that warned nonprofits, specifically houses of worship, that they are at an ongoing high risk of attack from domestic and foreign terrorists. Given this knowledge, the disparity between NSGP funding and grant applications is simply unacceptable.

The recently introduced Nonprofit Security Grant Program Improvement Act of 2022, H.R. 6825, provides a solution to this disparity. It would authorize $500 million to provide life-saving security enhancements to nonprofits. Importantly, it would also establish a grant office at FEMA to help manage and administer the grant.

The Orthodox Union Advocacy Center strongly endorses this bill and is committed to gathering widespread support for it. We are immensely grateful for your leadership in Congress and look forward to continuing working with you and your staff to ensure that NSGP is funded to meet the needs of all Americans.

Respectfully,

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OUA Executive Director

Jerry Wolasky  
OUA Chairman

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